

Amendments to the Specification

Kindly replace the title used in the International Application with the following:

FUSED HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS AS PEPTIDASE INHIBITORS

Page 1, immediately after the title, please insert:

This application is a U.S. national stage of International Application No.
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Page 158, lines 21-23, please rewrite as follows:

ethyl 2-(3-(((~~tert~~-butoxycarbonyl)amino)methyl aminomethyl)-4-(4-methylphenyl)-2-neopentyl-6-quinoliny)-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxylate dihydrochloride

Page 163, lines 9-11, please rewrite as follows:

3) {[2-isobutyl-4-(4-methylphenyl)-6-(2H-tetrazol-5-ylmethoxy)quinolin-3-yl]methyl}amine dihydrochloride (Synthesized according to a method similar to the method shown in Example 13(6).)